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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society.

(New York)

IF it were only possible to bring home to the consciences of all men one simple, grand truth, it would be very easy to get all the money required to carry on the Children's Aid Society. That simple truth is, that all minds are of one family, spring from one origin, "are kindled from one divine flame." In essence, humanity is ever the same. Our common Father is the Almighty Creator of all minds. Hence, a spiritual relationship binds together all souls as surely as all tend to one centre.

The knowledge of this comprehensive truth imposes a moral obligation on every human being. Each one is bound to see to it that, so far as in him lies, none of the members of God's vast family shall suffer through his neglect or non-performance of duty. "God has so created his human children that all their best happiness, their best home, their best government, their best reform, springs up from a deep friendship from man to man." "Words wreathed in friendship are the only ones that ever penetrate the soul."

But this truth—this spiritual oneness—though, perhaps, the greatest of truths, is too often lost sight of or pushed aside, that every thought of life may be devoted to one absorbing care—to money getting and hoarding. Such passion for gain is the great antagonistic force which love, charity, and faith have to contend with in efforts to relieve want and elevate the degraded poor. How true are the words of a great teacher—"Riches become dearer by time. The love of money,

far from withering in life's winter, strikes deeper and deeper root in the heart of age. He who has more than he can use or manage grows more and more eager and restless for new gains; muses by day and dreams by night of wealth, and in this way the whole vigor of his soul, of intellect and affection, shoots up into one intense, unconquerable, and almost infinite passion for accumulation. Thus truth, virtue, honor, religion, charity die out!" No sense of spiritual relationship, no sense of obligation to help the needy any longer exists. There is left now, as Dryden expresses it, but the dregs and rubbish of mankind!

These two opposite phases of life, brotherly love and self-love, spring from motives entirely unlike, and end in results totally different. The young man who takes to his heart lessons that teach him to get money, honestly if he can, but to get it, will be likely to amass wealth by devoting his life to that end; but he may, probably will, belittle his character and beggar his soul.

While, on the other hand, we have had thousands of boys under the care of the Children's Aid Society, who, with quick sympathy and intuitive nobility, gladly acknowledged the claims of the less prosperous on the more favored, and with open hand and warm heart hastened to relieve their comrades in want. They consulted their feelings and their pockets simultaneously, knowing that he who truly lives up to the fraternal principle in his daily walk, gladdens the world with his presence, lightens care by his beneficence, deepens affection in his own heart, and, by his example, kindles it anew in the hearts of others.

It is scarcely necessary to say from which class the Children's Aid Society derives countenance and support. Its sole aim is to make alike all who give as well as all who receive, the better for its existence. Through the Society's agency neglected boys are turned into useful men; orphan girls grow to exemplary womanhood; and men and women engaged in the goodly work are necessarily in sympathy with Heaven's best influences.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

1873.

Nov. 1. By balance on hand from last report.....\$1,267 59

1874.

Nov. 1.	By City and County of New York, for 1873...	\$23,333 34
"	" City and County of New York, for 1874....	70,000 00
"	" Board of Education for Pupils in Industrial Schools	32,893 95
"	" Evansville and Crawfordville and other R.R. Co. Coupons	10,734 18
"	" Estate of late Wm. Mackay, bequest.....	3,000 00
"	" Estate of late Mrs. Geo. S. Robbins, bequest,	5,000 00
"	" Estate of late Joseph W. Lester, bequest...	1,000 00
"	" Estate of late Mrs. Mary E. Van Horne, bal- ance	4,830 99
"	" Estate of late Mrs. Eliza Healy, Worcester, Mass.	100 00
"	" Estate of late G. Valerio (Italian fund)....	446 78
"	" Mr. Alanson Morehouse, Hillsdale, for Emi- gration	1,000 00
"	" Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes (for Staten Island Home).....	1,500 00
"	" Little Girls' Fair, Irvington, N. Y.....	100 00
"	" New York City Bond, matured.....	4,000 00
		<hr/> \$159,206 83
"	" Amount received from all other sources, in- cluding Lodging-houses, Sabbath-schools, hundreds of individuals, etc., etc.....	66,541 09

Total	<hr/> \$225,747 92 <hr/>
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PAYMENTS.

For Industrial Schools—21 Day and 13 Evening Schools:

Rent of School-rooms.....	\$11,455 25
Salaries of Sup'tendent and 86 Teachers,	39,202 33
Food, Clothing, Fuel, etc., etc.....	19,852 30
	<hr/> \$70,509 88
Carried forward.....	<hr/> \$70,509 88

Brought forward.....	\$70,509 88
Payments on account of Special Charities.....	2,334 76
"Sick Children Fund ".....	1,386 13
Newsboys' Lodging-House, usual expenses, \$16,470 61	
" " " for improvements	
and fitting up new house....	6,942 14
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	23,412 75
Girls' Lodging-House.....	4,704 48
Eleventh Ward Lodging-House.....	4,882 28
Sixteenth Ward Lodging-House.....	4,366 30
Rivington Street Lodging-House.....	\$7,717 53
Improvements, and fitting up additional	
house.....	1,360 74
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	9,078 27
Reading-Rooms (three)	369 55
Salaries of Executive Officers (five).....	8,944 14
Salaries of Visitors (five).....	3,494 06
Emigration (Fares, Food, Clothing, etc.)	29,315 39
Summer Retreat, Staten Island.....	3,384 84
Insurance on Buildings, Furniture, etc.....	738 86
General Expenses, Printing, Rent, etc., etc	7,899 69
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Total of current expenses	\$174,821 38
For account and in completion of Newsboys' Lodging-	
House, contract, etc., etc.....	46,008 73
Interest paid New York Life Insurance Co., etc	2,493 81
Amount paid Italian Building Fund (received from	
individuals)	1,366 78
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1874.....	1,057 22
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Total.....	<u>\$225,747 92</u>

The following table shows the receipts and payments for each year since 1853. The payments for the whole term of years amount to \$1,648,737.00:

TABLE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO NOVEMBER 1, 1874.

	Received.	Paid.	Balance.
From Mar. 2, 1853, to Feb. 1, 1854.....	\$4,732 77	\$4,191 55	\$541 22
From Feb. 1, 1854, to Feb. 1, 1855.....	10,399 86	9,939 88	459 98
From Feb. 1, 1855, to Feb. 1, 1856.....	10,524 06	10,027 09	496 97
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Carried forward.....		\$24,158 52	

	Received.	Paid.	Balance.
Brought forward.....		\$24,158 52	
From Feb. 1, 1856, to Feb. 1, 1857.....	\$12,148 67	11,532 75	\$615 92
From Feb. 1, 1857, to Feb. 1, 1858.....	15,662 39	15,566 42	95 07
From Feb. 1, 1858, to Feb. 1, 1859.....	17,399 29	17,072 40	326 89
From Feb. 1, 1859, to Feb. 1, 1860.....	12,634 92	12,210 11	425 81
From Feb. 1, 1860, to Feb. 1, 1861.....	21,241 17	19,762 92	478 25
From Feb. 1, 1861, to Feb. 1, 1862.....	17,186 00	16,613 98	572 72
From Feb. 1, 1862, to Feb. 1, 1863.....	22,926 69	22,803 88	684 93
From Feb. 1, 1863, to Feb. 1, 1864.....	38,982 65	38,743 90	933 68
From Feb. 1, 1864, to Feb. 1, 1865.....	54,935 72	53,682 46	1,253 26
From Feb. 1, 1865, to Feb. 1, 1866.....	74,249 73	72,043 65	2,206 08
From Feb. 1, 1866, to Feb. 1, 1867.....	93,577 07	92,408 37	1,168 70
From Feb. 1, 1867, to Feb. 1, 1868.....	115,017 48	113,643 99	1,373 49
From Feb. 1, 1868, to Feb. 1, 1869.....	162,963 56	159,793 21	3,170 35
From Feb. 1, 1869, to Nov. 1, 1869.....	98,084 54	96,978 59	1,105 95
From Nov. 1, 1869, to Nov. 1, 1870.....	175,935 33	173,166 78	2,768 55
From Nov. 1, 1870, to Nov. 1, 1871.....	156,427 99	153,741 55	2,686 44
From Nov. 1, 1871, to Nov. 1, 1872.....	162,459 39	159,064 71	3,394 68
From Nov. 1, 1872, to Nov. 1, 1873.....	172,325 70	171,058 11	1,267 59
From Nov. 1, 1873, to Nov. 1, 1874.....	225,747 92	224,690 70	1,057 22

Total amount for whole term of years paid....\$1,648,737 00

RESOURCES.

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

As the amounts temporarily borrowed from time to time, during the past year, have all been paid in full, it seems unnecessary to incumber the accounts with any statement in regard to them.

The Society owes nothing except the mortgage indebtedness of ninety thousand dollars—existing last year—as a lien on the Newsboys' Lodging-House.

The personal property per last report was as follows :

133	bonds (\$1,000 each)	Evansville & Crawfordville R. R. Co.
5	“	“ Orange & Newark Horse R. R. Co.
5	“	“ Toledo & Wabash R. R. (improvement).
3	“	“ Evansville, Terre Haute, & Chicago Railroad Company.
5	“	“ Brooklyn Public Park Loan.

Also, five bonds of Memphis City (valued at \$3,000), and a

New York City bond for \$4,000, which latter has matured and been paid. With the exception of this payment, the personal property of the Society remains precisely as it did a year ago. Meantime, the Newsboys' Lodging-House has been completed and paid for, without creating any floating debt. This is matter of congratulation.

But soon the friends of the Italian School will be asked to give a sufficient sum to pay the balance due on the new building. It will cost about \$60,000. Then, when that is accomplished, that valuable and useful estate will become (mainly through the active agency and generosity of one of our trustees, Mr. E. P. FABBRI) the permanent property of the Children's Aid Society, devoted to the education of Italian children. One is tempted to say that if in that charming edifice the Italian boy shall fail to renew his native love for the beautiful and true he will prove himself a degenerate son of the land of art and music.

The Society will then own real estate as follows :

Newsboys' Lodging-House, on Duane, William and New Chambers Streets.

Sixteenth Ward Lodging-House, West Eighteenth Street.

Rivington Street Lodging-House, Rivington Street.

Girls' Lodging-House, St. Mark's Place.

Italian School Building, Leonard Street.

It is impossible to suppress the grateful feelings that naturally arise when it is remembered that the sound financial condition of the Society, and its wide-spread usefulness, is due mainly to the generous donations in bonds and repeated gifts in money of one man, Mr. CHAUNCEY ROSE, of Terre Haute, Indiana. In point of fact, there have been times in our history when the Society would have been obliged seriously to curtail its beneficent work but for our *stock in trade*, supplied by a man who is not even a citizen of New York.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

It is not probable that the law compelling children to attend

public schools will lessen essentially the necessity for the Industrial Schools of our Society; first, because most of the children we receive are too poor to forego the noon-day meal we supply; and, secondly, because they are too ill-clad to obtain admittance into the city schools, even if they were to seek it; moreover, the majority are compelled to work in the streets a part of the day for a living.

The earliest preparation for better culture must, therefore, still be sought at our Industrial Schools. Public interest requires that children be taught; the welfare of the individual demands it; and so, the Children's Aid Society, in the performance of an imperative duty, will continue a work fraught with good to the individual and safety to the community.

The annual expense of twenty-one Day and thirteen Evening Schools, with salaries of superintendent and eighty-six teachers, would be an intolerable burden to the Society did not the city pay, semi-annually, a certain sum for each pupil, as allowed by law.

It should also be stated with thankfulness, that seventy volunteer teachers have added largely in every way to the efficiency of the schools, without cost.

The rolls of the schools this year show 10,288 names, a gain over last year of 704; and the average attendance, 3,556, as against 3,477 of last year, gain 79; as more fully appears by the following table:

Name and Location.	No. on Rolls.	Average At't'd'ce.
Cottage Place School, 204 Bleecker Street.....	390	144
East River School, 206 East Fortieth Street.....	462	245
Hudson River School, 350 West Twenty-seventh Street	249	133
Avenue B School, 607 East Fourteenth Street.....	240	110
German School, 272 Second Street.....	410	165
Italian School, 46 Franklin Street.....	768	270
Lord School, 135 Greenwich Street.....	360	142
Fifty-third Street School, 340 West Fifty-third Street..	1212	260
Park School, Sixty-eighth Street, near Broadway.....	807	301
Fifty-second Street School, Fifty-second Street, near Eleventh Avenue.....	561	199
Carried forward.....	5,459	1,969

Brought forward.....	5,459	1,969
Phelps School, 335 East Thirty-fifth Street.....	417	80
Newsboys' Night School, 9 Duane Street.....	368	110
Girls' Industrial School, 120 West Sixteenth Street....	298	91
Fourth Ward School, 52 Market Street.....	170	86
Fifth Ward School, 141 Hudson Street.....	437	135
Avenue C School, 304 East Fourth Street.....	593	194
Eleventh Ward School, 709 East Eleventh Street.....	798	282
Thirteenth Ward School, 327 Rivington Street.....	454	195
Fourteenth Ward School, 93 Crosby Street.....	650	219
Sixteenth Ward School, 211 West Eighteenth Street...	543	164
Water Street School, 14 Dover Street.....	101	31
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	10,288	3,556
Last Year	9,584	3,477
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Increase this Year.....	704	79

The cost of maintaining the thirty-four schools for the last year is as follows, viz :

Rent of Rooms	\$11,455 25
Salaries of Superintendent and 86 Teachers	39,202 33
Food, Clothing, Fuel, etc., etc.....	19,852 30
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Total	\$70,509 88

This aggregate, divided among 3,556 pupils, shows the annual cost of each one to be but \$19.83! including not only salaries, but cloth for garments, shoes, furniture, books, coal, and cost of a daily meal. Surely, then, this branch of the Society's work may claim the merit of economy when considered in detail, although the aggregate cost is large.

NEWSBOYS' LODGING-HOUSE.

For many years the Board of Trustees has contemplated the removal of this Lodging-House to a building better adapted to its varied and increasing wants. Long ago the idea was suggested and acted upon. Individual contributions were made amounting to thirty thousand dollars. Then the State ordered an equal sum, paid out of the Excise Fund, making \$60,000. But owing to the difficulty experienced in finding a lot exactly suitable, the money was kept at interest till it

amounted to \$80,000. Most fortunately, then, the present site, on Duane, William, and New Chambers streets, was bought for \$65,000.

The building, now occupied, is substantial, sightly, and convenient, with a fire-proof staircase for the safety of the boys. A better location, it is believed, could not have been found, if the society had had the whole city to choose from. It is central, on high ground, healthy, open on three sides, and in all essential respects entirely satisfactory. This building may be considered as making a fixture of the Newsboys' Lodging-House for a century to come.

A statement, financial, may be made as follows, in round numbers, for the information of the public :

Cost of the lot.....	\$65,000 00
Cost of building and additional lot, No. 7 Duane Street, with heating apparatus and fixtures complete.....	151,008 73
	<hr/> \$216,008 73

PAID FOR IN THIS MANNER.

Contributions of individuals and from the	
Excise Fund	\$80,000 00
Mortgage indebtedness	90,000 00
Cash paid in full for completion... .. .	46,008 73
	<hr/> 216,008 73

N. B.—A moderate rent charged the Newsboys' Lodging-House would cover the annual interest on the money borrowed.

RESOURCES.

The Children's Aid Society owns real estate (four Lodg- ing-Houses) of the estimated value of	\$250,000 00
It owns personal property ditto	150,000 00
	<hr/> Total.....
	\$400,000 00
Against a total indebtedness of	90,000 00

Now while all our investments are safe and useful, the income thereof must not be reckoned by profits in dollars, but rather by benefits conferred on mankind in general, and children in particular! If, however, any one objects to our one debt we hope he will feel at liberty to send to the treasurer a check for the full amount.

This year's report of Mr. O'CONNOR, the long-established Superintendent of the Newsboys' Lodging-House, gives not only proofs of increased results, but promise of still larger work for time to come in the new Lodging-House.

Mr. O'CONNOR says: "We are now located in a building which we are proud to call our own. It is located on Duane, William, and New Chambers streets. It is 109 feet long with an average width of 60 feet. The building is seven stories high. It contains dining-room for the boys, with accommodation for 400 at table. The school-room has seating capacity for 500 boys. Our attractions are comfortable single beds, in well ventilated apartments, a savings-bank, a school-room (answering also for chapel), bath and wash-rooms, private lock-closets for each boy, games—as chess and checkers—interesting reading, and every evening a brief devotional exercise."

"Our savings-bank," he states, "has been used by 1,272 boys, who have saved \$3,330.86, being a large increase over last year—say 38 per cent. During the year we have had 8,913 different boys with us. They have contributed \$6,167.53 towards our expenses, which have been \$16,470.61. This includes gas, fuel, food, salaries, rent, bedding, etc., but not improvements and fittings up in the new house. Our receipts from the boys are 43 per cent. more than ever before.

"During the year 472 boys have been placed in good homes, 912 lost and truant ones (an average of nearly three a day) have been restored to relatives and friends. Parents and others often visit us to learn about lost children. We have averaged 194 lodgers nightly. We have furnished during the year 72,567 meals, and 70,681 lodgings. Since our establishment—twenty-one years—we have succeeded in providing nearly 10,000 boys with permanent homes and employment. Our Sunday evening exercises have been conducted, alternately, by our president, Mr. Booth, and our secretary, Mr. Brace."

"Annexed will be found a table for each year since our organization. We bespeak for it a careful perusal:"

TABULAR STATEMENT SINCE ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	No. of Boys.	No. of Lodgings.	No. of Meals.	Returned to friends.	Expenses.	Paid by Boys.	No. of Boys using Bank.	Amount saved by them.
1854 to 1855.....	408	6,872	.....	.....	\$1,199 76	\$397 56	.....	.....
1855 to 1856.....	374	7,599	.....	.....	1,431 82	391 26	16	\$643 58
1856 to 1857.....	387	5,157	.....	.....	1,762 56	262 56	116	270 70
1857 to 1858.....	800	8,026	11,923	.....	1,925 03	298 03	.....	.....
1858 to 1859.....	3,000	14,000	13,114	.....	2,199 34	807 15	.....	.....
1859 to 1860.....	4,500	19,747	13,341	100	2,113 56	955 44	23	110 10
1860 to 1861.....	4,000	27,390	16,873	247	3,420 57	1,036 98	230	1,259 77
1861 to 1862.....	3,875	32,954	19,809	.....	2,736 08	1,138 88	388	1,376 59
1862 to 1863.....	3,000	29,409	20,000	396	3,402 82	1,102 33	347	1,315 10
1863 to 1864.....	6,325	36,572	25,506	437	5,758 16	1,559 10	405	2,080 06
1864 to 1865.....	6,793	42,446	30,137	576	7,159 95	1,944 22	499	2,505 92
1865 to 1866.....	7,256	43,797	32,867	633	10,058 13	2,127 44	599	2,486 43
1866 to 1867.....	8,192	49,519	33,633	719	10,847 79	2,718 79	542	2,121 76
1867 to 1868.....	8,509	51,740	35,617	819	12,094 00	3,177 69	703	2,203 45
1868 to 1869.....	8,944	53,610	54,092	896	23,333 45	3,644 49	796	2,057 76
1869 9 months....	7,383	39,077	33,207	642	13,445 24	3,180 85	659	1,688 22
1869 to 1870.....	8,655	55,565	56,128	713	15,102 11	4,214 42	1,107	2,433 60
1870 to 1871.....	8,835	53,005	53,214	1,100	14,898 03	3,349 77	1,065	2,588 31
1871 to 1872.....	8,757	57,661	57,740	723	15,479 65	4,313 93	1,029	2,644 43
1872 to 1873.....	7,568	57,719	58,202	635	16,085 28	4,382 79	1,235	2,406 49
1873 to 1874.....	8,913	70,681	72,567	912	16,470 61	6,167 53	1,272	3,330 86
Total.....	116,564	762,546	637,970	9,548	\$180,923 94	\$47,171 21	11,031	\$33,523 13

THE GIRLS' LODGING-HOUSE.

There is no trouble in dealing with the statistics of the year, which the Matron, Mrs. E. S. HURLEY, furnishes in her account of the operations of this Lodging-House. But it is difficult to deal with her report, without transcribing it in full.

Statistics of Girls' Lodging-House, year ending October 31, 1874 :

Number of lodgers	1,507
“ “ lodgings furnished.....	12,750
“ “ lodgings paid for	6,768
“ “ meals provided	29,262
“ “ meals paid for	13,542
“ “ girls sent to situations	683
“ “ “ found employment	32
“ “ “ sent to friends	80
“ “ “ sent to other institutions	41
“ “ “ sent West	38
“ “ “ sent to hospital	19
“ “ “ sent to Europe ...	4
“ “ “ learning to operate sewing-machines ...	735
“ “ “ found employment on sewing-machines.	268
“ “ lodgers, average per night.....	35
Expenses	\$4,704 48
Less amount of receipts.....	1,805 20
Net cost to the Society for the year	<u>\$2,899 28</u>

And what has been accomplished in one year for \$2,899.28 ?
Let Mrs. Hurley answer. She says :

While each year reveals more strongly the necessity of places of shelter, help, and encouragement for young girls, it also deepens the conviction of the impossibility of managing such institutions in a manner to please every one. Some find fault with us for doing so much ; say we make the place too attractive and encourage idleness ; that if there were no such houses girls would be compelled to take situations. Others think we do not do enough, and lament over straw-beds, home-made comforters, and plain fare. Between these extremes we endeavor to find the happy medium, and allow all

the privileges and comforts we dare, while we try to avoid the danger of the opposite complaint.

Our seven dormitories, situated on the third, fourth, and fifth stories, contain fifty-three single beds, are roomy and well ventilated, and open for inspection every day in the week except Sunday. Visitors express themselves surprised and delighted at the accommodations, and say the inmates are more comfortably lodged than domestics in families.

The girls have the use of the laundry every Thursday, and can take baths at any hour of the day or evening. Our bath-rooms, lavatory, etc., are placed on the lower floor, where they can be under immediate supervision. We have never sent a young girl from our doors who was sober, poor, and homeless, unless we knew her to be one who would lead others astray.

We have furnished 12,750 lodgings to 1,507 different girls, and 29,262 meals. Situations have been found for 683, and 38 have gone West. One writes that she is married to the *kindest man in the world*; another that she never has been so happy since her father and mother died; and all express themselves delighted with the change from East to West, saying that Western people do not treat them like servants.

A new department was opened last spring for teaching dress-making to young girls having a taste for it and no means of maintaining themselves while learning. The plan adopted was, to get a competent instructor and take in only first-class work. The girls are required to stay from four to six months, and are given their board. At the end of three months they are taught to cut by measure and furnished with a chart.

Madame Demorest has kindly promised each girl a chart with free instruction in her system of cutting. Two have availed themselves of this offer.

The Domestic Sewing Machine Co. generously furnish us with patterns, Harper Brothers with the *Bazar*, and Mr. Taylor with the *Revue de la Mode*.

We have now six apprentices; the work done has given general satisfaction, and we only need the patronage of the lady friends of the Institution to make this department successful and remunerative.

BOYS' LODGING-HOUSE, ELEVENTH WARD, No. 709 EAST ELEVENTH STREET.

The report of Mr. M. DUPUY, Superintendent of this Lodging-House, shows satisfactory results for the year. The number of lodgings furnished and meals provided are in excess of the previous year; and the number of boys who attended the Evening School last winter was greater than ever before.

The Sunday evening meetings, as heretofore, have been conducted, alternately, by Mr. D. WILLIS JAMES and Mr. D. E. HAWLEY, to whose care and liberality the School and Lodging-House are largely indebted.

Total number of different boys registered for the year :

Orphans.....	361	
Half-orphans.....	117	
Parents living.....	6	
	—	484

Total number of lodgings furnished :

Paid for	17,173	
Free	2,475	
	—	19,648

Total number of meals provided :

Paid for	18,121	
Free	4,985	
	—	23,106

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Total expenditure, including improvements	\$4,882 28
Less receipts for lodgings, meals, etc.....	2,067 24
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Net cost for the year	\$2,815 04
Number of boys provided with employment	19
“ “ restored to friends.....	3
Average number of lodgings nightly.....	55

Both in manners and conduct the pupils show, as might be expected, marked improvement. At each of our Lodging-Houses record has been made of the causes of vagrancy.

ONE HUNDRED REASONS, ASSIGNED BY AS MANY BOYS, FOR
SEEKING A HOME AT THE ELEVENTH WARD LODGING-
HOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Lived in London, came to this country, failed to get work.....	2
Left Ireland, came here to seek their fortune.....	5
From Germany, failed to obtain work.....	2
Came from Philadelphia, seeking employment.....	10
Left homes on account of drunken parents.....	19
Homeless, because of the death of both parents.....	22
Desertion of the father broke up the family.....	9
Father in prison, mother dead.....	2
Came from Boston, father dead.....	3
Father dead, mother gone to live out.....	22
No regular home, had always lived with strangers.....	4
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The foregoing statement exhibits sad proof of the crying necessity for societies in New York in aid of homeless orphan children. But it is encouraging to know that this and the other Lodging-Houses, as well as Industrial Schools, are often able to find out and relieve distress through knowledge gained from the children.

BOYS' LODGING-HOUSE, SIXTEENTH WARD, No. 211 WEST EIGHTEENTH
STREET.

The Superintendent's report for the year ending 31st October, 1874, is, like its predecessors, exact, methodical, and brief. Mr. GOURLEY informs us of every penny spent or saved, and the sources whence profit or loss has come.

The volume of work has hardly kept up to that of the year before, but its general usefulness and special economy no man can question.

There have been 800 different boys provided for; lodgings 22,173, paid for 21,290, free 883; meals supplied 29,025—paid for 26,859, free 2,166.

The total of expenditure for salaries, wages, bread, groceries, butcher's meat, etc., etc., is.....	\$4,366 30
Less received for lodgings, meals, etc., etc.....	3,446 29
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Net cost for the year.....	\$920 01

Of the aforesaid 800 boys, 700 were orphans or half-orphans, and 74 are learning trades. It looks very much as if Mr. GOURLEY was exerting all the influence he could bring to bear in this useful direction. And it is certainly praiseworthy, to advise the boys to learn trades, and thus secure a certain and respectable means of self-support.

It is noteworthy that of the said 800 boys, there were born in the United States, 678; in all other countries, 122. Whereas, a few years ago, the majority were uniformly "born in Ireland." It is probable, however, that the majority of those now born here are of Irish parentage.

Mr. GOURLEY closes his report as follows :

"Morally there is a great improvement among our boys. Swearing, which seems to be the besetting sin among the boys of New York, has been almost discontinued. Our Sabbath-night meetings, which have been very faithfully conducted by Mr. ROOSEVELT and other gentlemen, have had their good effect on our boys."

THE RIVINGTON STREET LODGING-HOUSE.

Bud, flower, and fruit, so to speak, have each in turn put forth their several attractions at this Lodging-House. The growth of seven patient years has matured at last those fruitful results which love and labor so diligently sought and toiled for. With truth it may now be called "one of the most commodious and attractive charitable institutions in New York City." Its floral features are an interesting peculiarity—the outgrowth of views and tastes developed by the Superintendent, under the patronage of a few of the Trustees. But, after all, like our other Lodging-Houses, it is the fruit it bears in good works and kind deeds that endears Rivington Street Lodging-House to the public and its special friends.

The original building had come to be this year too small; therefore the Trustees leased an adjoining house and fitted it up to meet the wants of the institution. Now 125 boys can be comfortably lodged, and over 100 have been. The report states that the work of the Lodging-House has been larger, and, in

all essential particulars, more successful during the past year than ever before.

It has provided for 112 more boys, furnished 759 more lodgings, 4,193 more meals, and received more from the boys than during any former year. One thousand one hundred and thirty-nine different boys have entered the Lodging-House during the year, and the most important question is, what has been done for them? "The majority of these poor boys," says Mr. Calder, "have no one to care for them in the busy outside world where they struggle to earn a living. Their great want is a sympathizing counsellor and friend; one in whom they can place implicit confidence; who will learn their antecedents and wants; who will take a constant interest in their affairs; and to whom they can always go for assistance and advice. To the best of our ability we have sustained this relationship to the boys of the Rivington Street Lodging-House, and our efforts have been amply rewarded."

"During the past year we have taken 167 friendless boys and placed them in permanent homes. From funds contributed by several benevolent gentlemen for the purpose of "setting up boys in business," we have enabled 254 boys, who came to us utterly destitute, to commence business and support themselves, as newsboys, bootblacks, and peddlers."

The attendance at the Sunday-Evening Meetings during the winter was uniformly large. The exercises were conducted, as in former years, by Mr. HOWARD POTTER and Mr. HENRY E. HAWLEY.

EMIGRATION.

An erroneous idea prevails to some extent, that, by sending away three or four thousand children annually for so many years, the Children's Aid Society must have well-nigh filled the Western States. Our tables show, however, that the past year only about two hundred—out of nearly four thousand—were sent as far West as Kansas. It is true, nevertheless, that of late years the openings for children have been more favorable in the Northwestern States; therefore, notwithstanding the increased expenditure, a number have been sent there.

It may be observed, here, that the State of Kansas is the geographical centre of our country. It lies about 1,500 miles west of New York City, but is still only the half-way house, as it were, to the extreme western boundary of the United States. Behold, then, our vast territory—three thousand miles in one direction—to populate which will probably task the energies of domestic and foreign emigration societies for centuries!

Moreover, only a few years will roll by when the boys and girls of to-day will have become the men and women of their day and generation. They too, then, may be in want of children. Their own happy experience will teach them to go to the Children's Aid Society to get their wants supplied—only too glad to repay in kind the kindness others bestowed on them in their hour of destitution.

As an example—a few weeks ago, on a rainy day, there appeared at the office, No. 19 East Fourth street, a well-dressed young man, perhaps five-and-twenty years of age. He stepped into the room filled with dripping, ragged boys—a party which was being fitted with better clothes for their western life-journey. After asking permission, he spoke to them substantially as follows: “Boys, twelve years ago, I stood just where you stand now; I was a New York orphan street-boy. Through the kind agency of this Society I obtained a home at the West. Now I am married and have a good farm, well stocked; but having no child I seek for a boy to live in my family, and when my wife and I have no further use for the farm, that boy shall have it.” Of course, there were plenty ready to embrace the opportunity and him too!

The schedule for the year 1874 shows that our agents have placed children in twenty-five different States this year, also largely in New York city, and ninety-six in other institutions. The whole number sent, 3,985, is in excess, by 284, of the year before.

Mr. C. R. FRY, still the Superintendent of Emigration, is earnest and fervent in his account of the happy condition of children previously placed in families. He gives many inter-

esting cases within his own knowledge. He writes: "It seems such a hopeless task to convey to others the happiness and contentment I witness in my rounds of visitation, that I always commence my annual report with a degree of hesitation. Bare facts are robbed of so much beauty, and seem so tame and uninteresting, that I do not recognize in them the living, glorious picture I had intended to portray. My production at best can be but a rough outline sketch, lacking all the harmony and beauty of coloring so essential to give even an idea of the living reality. A falling tear, an expression upon the face of childhood, is far more eloquent than all words!"

Our experienced, faithful agents, engaged in placing children in western families, are also doing their laborious work with satisfactory results.

The following table shows a total of 36,363 removed by the Society since 1853:

To February 1, 1854.....	207
" February 1, 1855.....	863
" February 1, 1856.....	936
" February 1, 1857.....	742
" February 1, 1858.....	733
" February 1, 1859.....	779
" February 1, 1860.....	814
" February 1, 1861.....	804
" February 1, 1862.....	884
" February 1, 1863.....	791
" February 1, 1864.....	1,034
" February 1, 1865.....	1,235
" February 1, 1866.....	1,450
" February 1, 1867.....	1,664
" February 1, 1868.....	1,943
" February 1, 1869.....	2,263
" November 1, 1869 (nine months).....	1,930
" November 1, 1870 (one year).....	2,757
" November 1, 1871.....	3,386
" November 1, 1872.....	3,462
" November 1, 1873.....	3,701
" November 1, 1874.....	3,985
Total.....	<hr/> 36,363

There have been provided with homes and employment, during the year :

Boys.....	1,880
Girls.....	1,558
Men.....	242
Women.....	305
Total.....	3,985
Last year.....	3,701
Increase for 1874.....	284

The Treasurer closes this, his twenty-second annual report, with more than usual satisfaction. For whatever of fears he or others may have heretofore entertained, there is now no room for any feelings but those of thankfulness and profound gratitude for having been permitted to engage in this work.

The Children's Aid Society has gradually grown to its present dimensions among the great charities of the world, simply because Providence saw fit to permit the existence of those human wants and conditions—out of which such a society would naturally spring—in a community overflowing with hearty sympathy and Christian love for suffering childhood.

Most respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

TO THE TRUSTEES

OF THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,

New York, November 1, 1874.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and assets of the Children's Aid Society, and find them correctly set forth in the annexed report of the Treasurer.

D. WILLIS JAMES, } *Auditing*
R. J. LIVINGSTON, } *Committee.*